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of the Classic City

STRATFORD

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A Railway and Manufacturing Centre



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STRATFORD ♡ The Classic City



N "ALBUM OF VIEWS OF STRATFORD" would be incomplete without a short reference to the foundation and growth of the Classic City from a mere spot on the map less than seventy years ago, to the present enterprising and progressive city.

The idea of making Stratford a centre first suggested itself to the managers of the Canada Company, who in mapping out the "Huron Tract," selected the most central locality on the road leading from the "settlements" to the extreme frontier on Lake Huron, and Dr. Dunlop and Mr. John Galt, the local Commissioners, gave instructions for the founding of what about fifty years afterwards was to become the "Classic City." A glance at the map at once reveals Stratford's central location, but at the same time the founders unwittingly selected one of the highest points in Ontario. Our altitude is 1,191 feet above the sea level, no other city in the province approaching within two hundred feet of it. This feature in itself marks the city, all other things being equal, as the health resort par excellence of the province.

The first frame building in Stratford was erected in 1832, and in due course followed stores, grist mills, saw mills, and all the other necessities of an early settlement. The early growth of the place was slow, but possessed of superior natural advantages, it has within the memory of many living to-day been transformed from a few houses in the forest to a city of importance. In 1843 the population was about 900, but it was not until 1855 that it elected its first council. In 1859 it was incorporated as a town, and in 1884 as a city.

In 1858 the Buffalo & Lake Huron Railroad was completed, and this acted as a stimulus to the village, and in 1870, when the G. T. R. shops were located here, an additional impetus was given. Eighteen years later the shops were enlarged following the fusion of the G. T. R. and other lines, thus adding materially to the size and importance of the place.

Stratford is pre-eminently a railroad centre, as a glance at the map will show. It is on the main line of the G. T. R., and midway between Georgian Bay and Lake Erie, and Lake Huron and Lake Ontario. From the shippers' standpoint it possesses advantages enjoyed by few places. The divisional freight office is located here, and manufacturers and shippers have a pledge from the G. T. R. management that any rate given a rival industry will be met here, thus overcoming any imagined detriment in the lack of other railroad connection. Stratford possesses an energetic board of trade, which is ever willing to negotiate on liberal terms with manufacturers feeling disposed to locate here.



STRATFORD — A RAILWAY AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE

In the matter of schools and educational institutions the Classic City is unsurpassed by any place of its size in the Dominion. Its schools are models of construction and equipment, and its teachers of efficiency and thoroughness. Its Collegiate Institute is its pride, and it possesses a business college which attracts students from all over the province. It has, as well, libraries, literary societies and other institutions for the education and refinement of its citizens. Almost every phase of religious thought is represented in its numerous churches, several of the struc-



CITY ALDERMEN, MAYOR AND CLERK, 1902.

Standing, from Left—E. K. Barnsdale, E. H. Eidt, Thos. Savage, J. L. Bradshaw, R. R. Lang (Clerk), J. D. Barnett, Jas. Trow
Seated, from Left—J. D. Hamiton, Henry Pauli, Jas. Stamp (Mayor), Wm. Davidson, Wm. Daly.

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tures being marked by architectural beauty. All are well attended, and the religious life of the city is marked by broad-minded sympathy and co-operation.

The public buildings, notably the city hall, post office, court house, hospital and house of refuge, are all of a superior class. The business centre is noted for its many large, handsome structures, the uniform excellence of which gives it an appearance of solidity that few places of Stratford's size can boast of.

In addition to being a railway centre, Stratford is rapidly becoming a manufacturing centre. The Grand Trunk shops, said by competent judges to be the equal of any railway shops on the continent, employ 800 men, and there are 200 or 300 men engaged in the operation of the railway here, which make a railway population of about 1,000. Other industries which employ a large number of operatives are: The Stratford Mill Building Co. (Wm. Preston, proprietor), builders of roller mills and mill machinery; The Macdonald Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of threshing machinery; The George McLagan Furniture Co., limited, whose factory is second to none in the Dominion; The Canada Furniture Company's factory, which produces the highest grades of sideboards; The Stratford Bridge and Iron Works Co., builders of steel bridges and wind mills; The Whyte Packing Co., Limited, extensive exporters of bacon and other meats; the Perth Flax & Cordage Co., Limited, manufacturers of cordage and twines; the Dufton Woollen Mills; the Thornton & Douglas clothing factory; the Stratford Clothing Company's factory; The Globe-Wernicke Company's factory (now in course of erection), manufacturers of office supplies, the Canadian branch of the great Cincinnati, Ohio, factory; the Kalbfleisch bicycle factory; the Classic City Flour Mills; the Stratford Shoddy Mills (Baker & Son's); David Easson's furniture factory and planing mill; the Anchor Wire Fence factory (Messrs. Esplen & Frame); Ruston Bros.' planing mill, and several smaller industries.

Prominent among the financial institutions are the British Mortgage Loan Co., with a paid-up capital of \$450,000, and a reserve of \$140,000; the Perth Mutual Insurance Company, which operates all over the Province, and has a reserve fund of over \$100,000; the agencies of the Bank of Montreal, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and the Merchants Bank of Canada, and the Stratford Loan and Building Society, a rising young institution.

The city is well served with water, gas and electric light, and has a complete system of sewers, the output of which is treated on the septic tank and bacteria beds system before being emptied into the river. This system of treatment of sewage has passed the experimental stage in Stratford, and is now being adopted by other cities and towns.

A panoramic view of the city, its streets, parks, public buildings, private residences, industries, and places of business are given in the following pages. We invite the reader to an inspection.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW FROM COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE



VIEW ON CHURCH STREET



GRANGE STREET AND ITS FINE ROADWAY



FIRE HALL



POST OFFICE



BEACON OFFICE AND A. O. F. HALL



ODDFELLOWS' BLOCK



A PRETTY VIEW ON ST. DAVID STREET.



CHURCH ST. HAS HANDSOME RESIDENCES



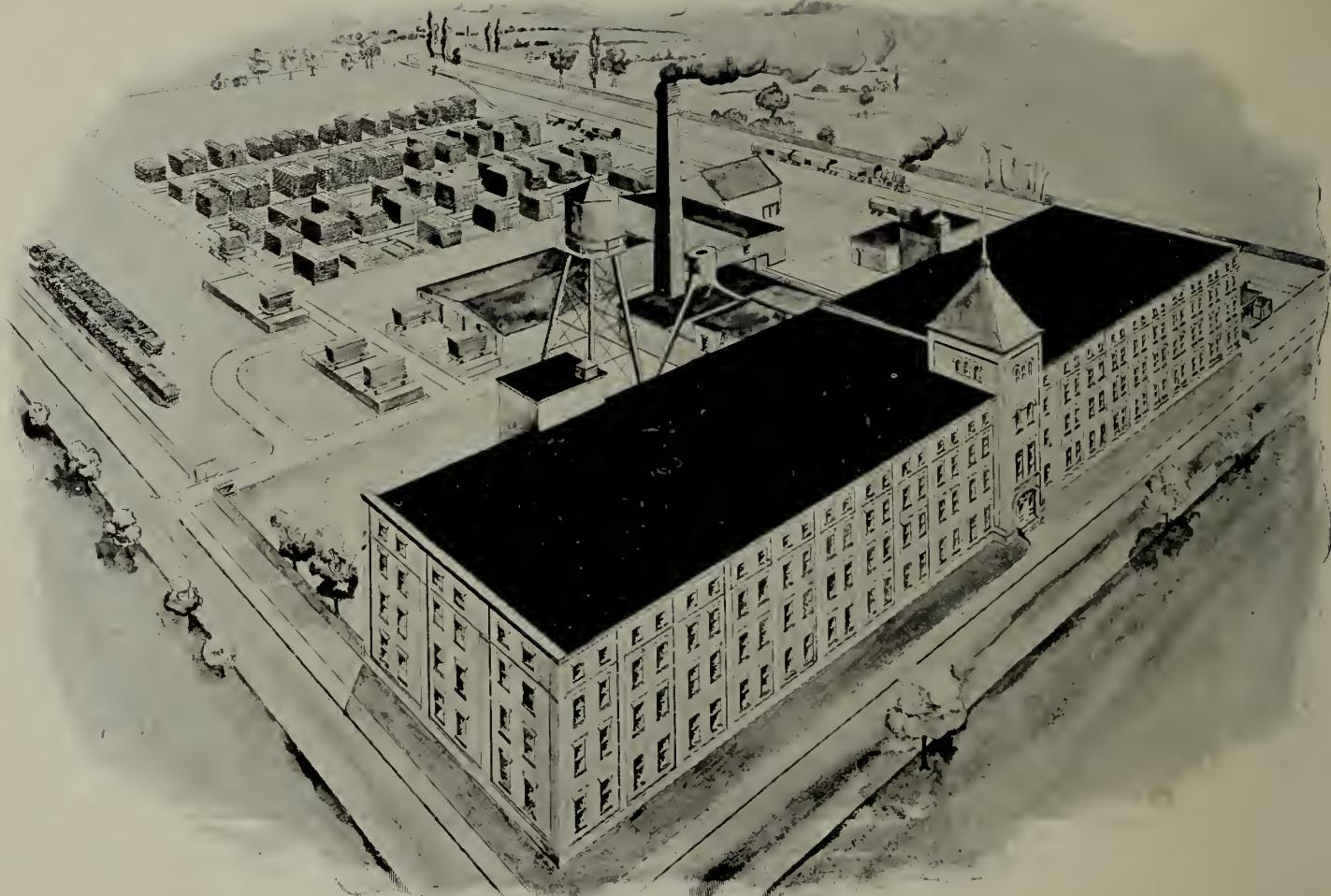
CITY HALL, STRATFORD



LOOKING DOWN ONTARIO STREET



WESTERLY VIEW DOWN ONTARIO STREET



FACTORY OF THE GEORGE M'LAGAN FURNITURE CO., LIMITED.



A GLIMPSE OF WELLINGTON STREET



A VIEW UP MARKET STREET



A LABOR DAY DEMONSTRATION



KNOX CHURCH (PRESBYTERIAN)



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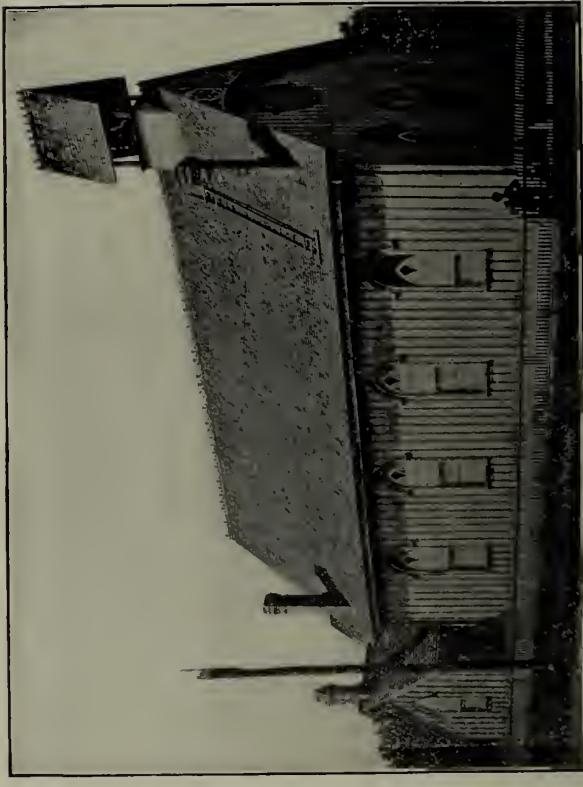
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH AND RESIDENCE OF REV. DR. KILROY.



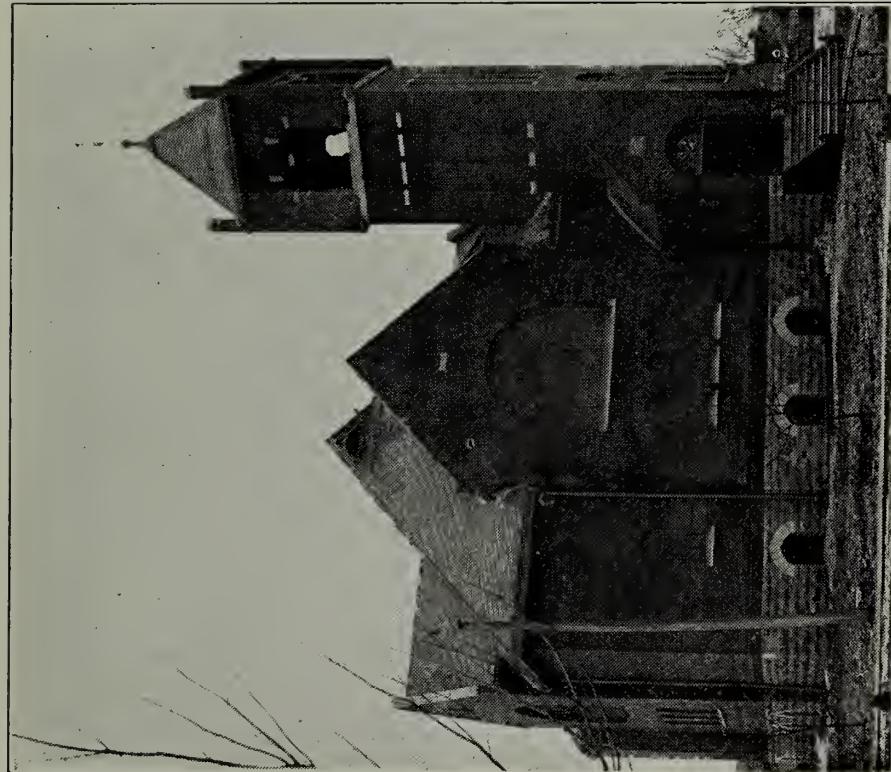
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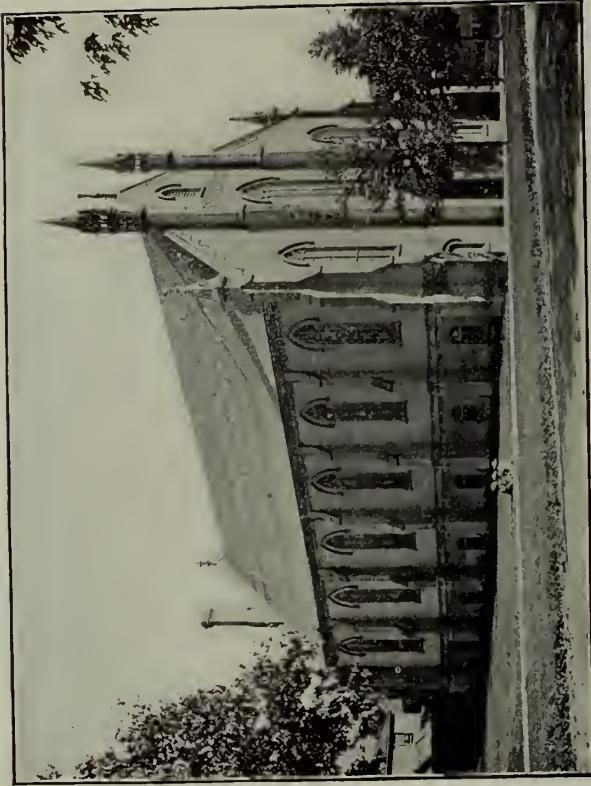
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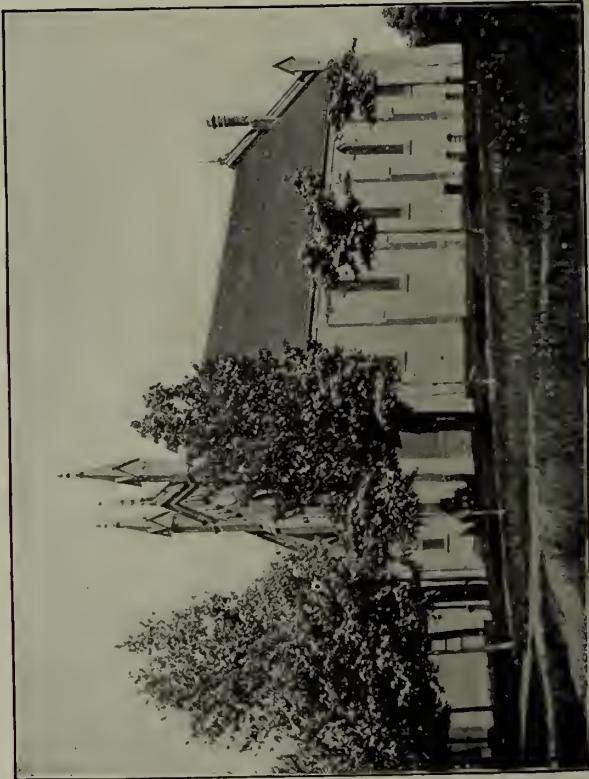
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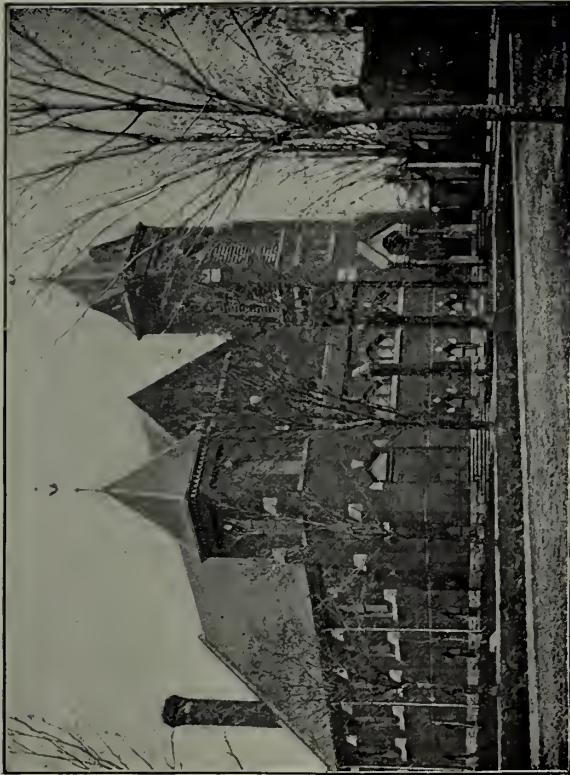
CENTENNIAL CHURCH (EVANGELICAL)



CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (PRESBYTERIAN)



BAPTIST CHURCH



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THE ALEXANDER ENCL CO



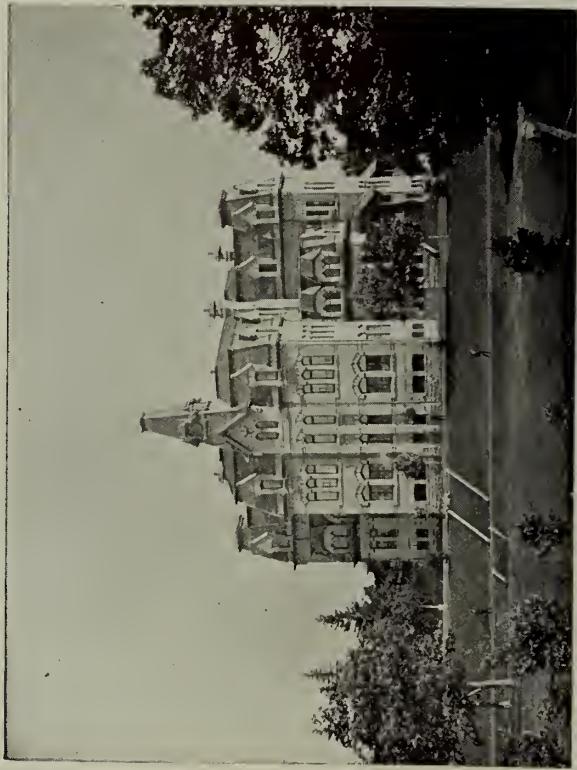
LUTHERAN CHURCH



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



VIEW FROM CITY HALL



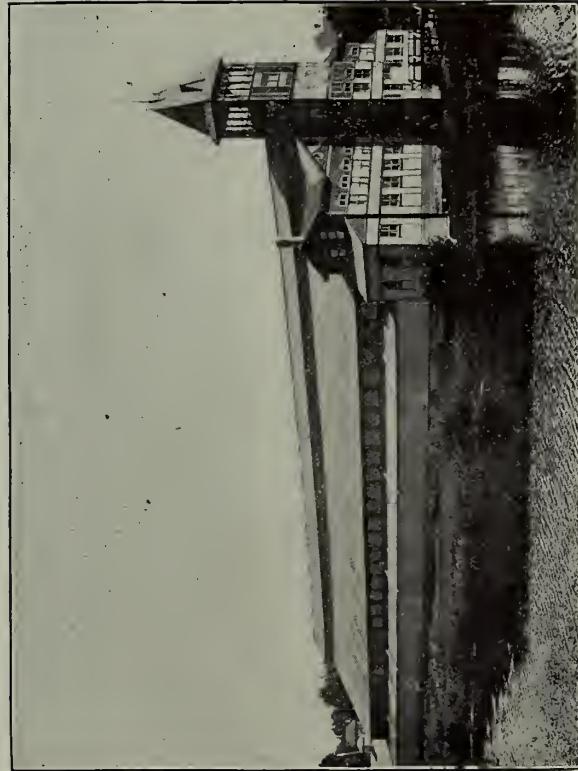
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ROMEO WARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



SEPARATE SCHOOL



STRATFORD RINK



VIEW SOUTH-EAST FROM CITY HALL TOWER—G. T. R. SHOPS IN BACKGROUND

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A CLOSER VIEW OF G. T. R. SHOPS



COURT HOUSE



CITY HOSPITAL



HOUSE OF REFUGE

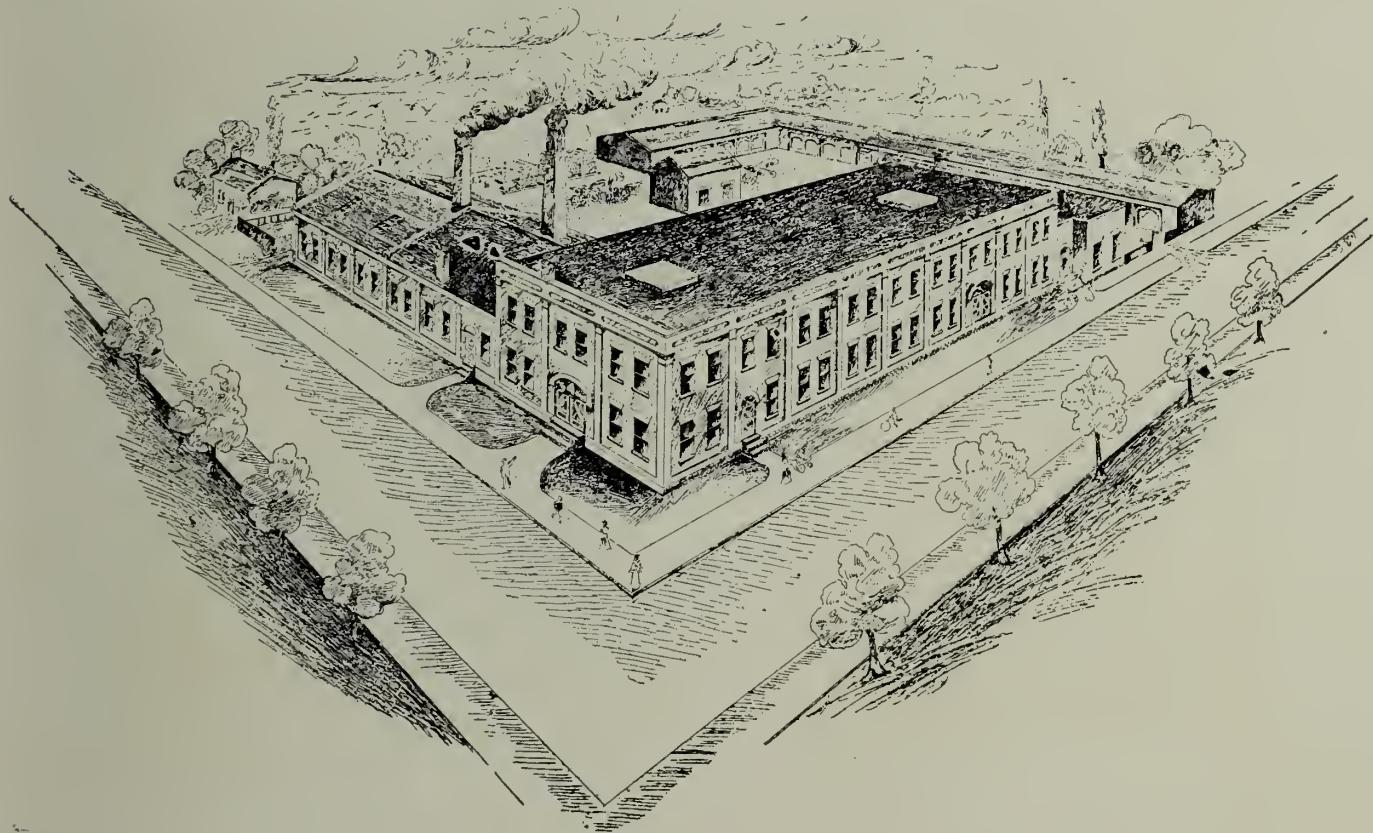


AN EARLY MORNING VIEW ON DOWNEY STREET



STRATFORD FIRE BRIGADE, 1902

Standing, from Left—John Hudson, Jas. Vanstone, Samuel Guy, Peter Zehr, Jos. Turner, Jos. Bullock, Hugh Durkin (Foreman)
Second Row—John Hepburn, Jos. Myers, R. H. Myers (Chief), Wm. Wazell, Frank Taylor
Bottom Row—Clove Myers, Robt. Roberts, Andrew Gibson, Arthur Hammer



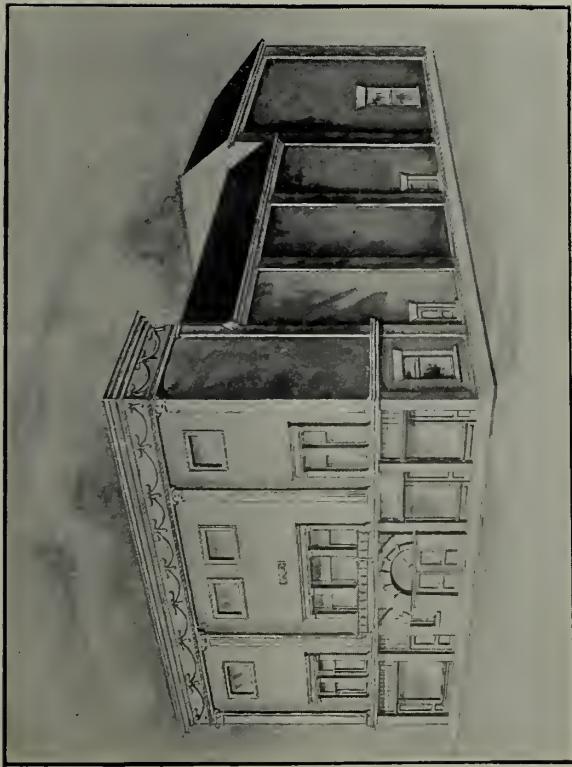
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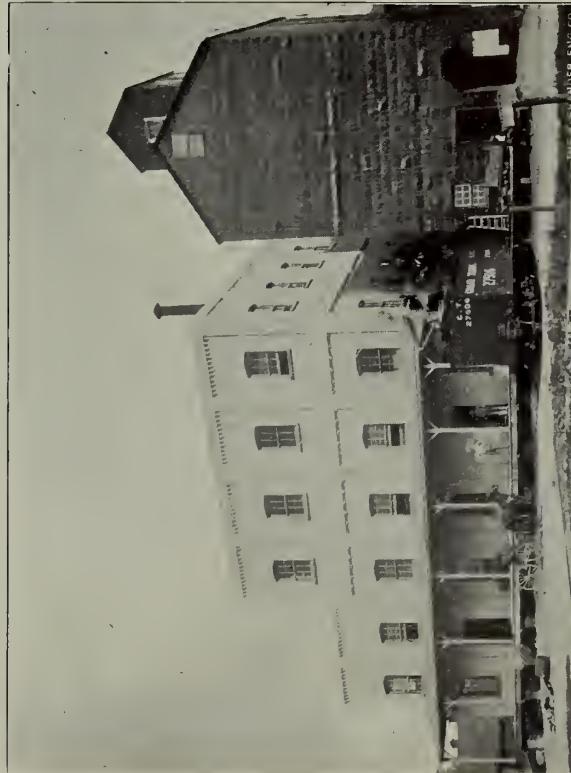
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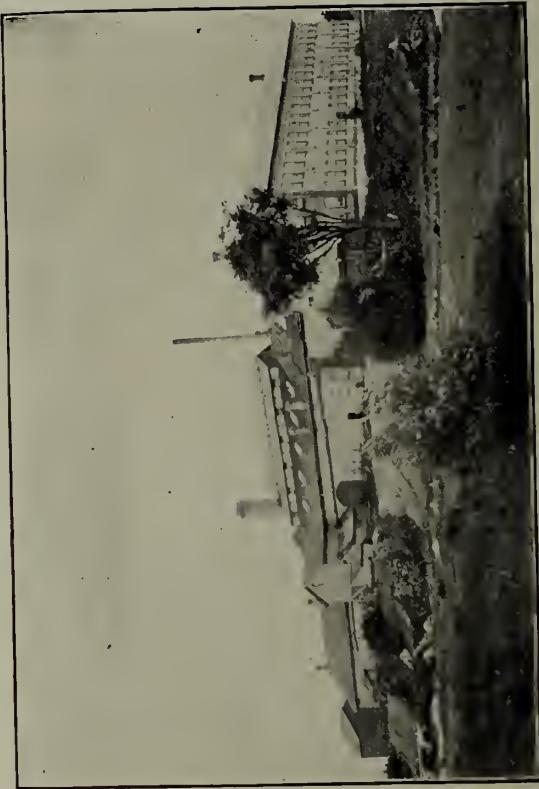
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CLASSIC CITY FLOUR MILLS



THE WHYTE PACKING CO.



STRATFORD MILL BUILDING CO.



PERTH FLAX AND CORDAGE FACTORY



STRATFORD CLOTHING CO., LTD. FACTORY—REAR VIEW FROM LAKE



VIEW OF QUEEN'S PARK



ATHLETIC PARK



CANADA FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS' FACTORY



DUFTON & SONS' WOOLLEN MILLS



STRATFORD BRIDGE AND IRON WORKS



ESPLIN, FRAME & CO.'S FACTORY



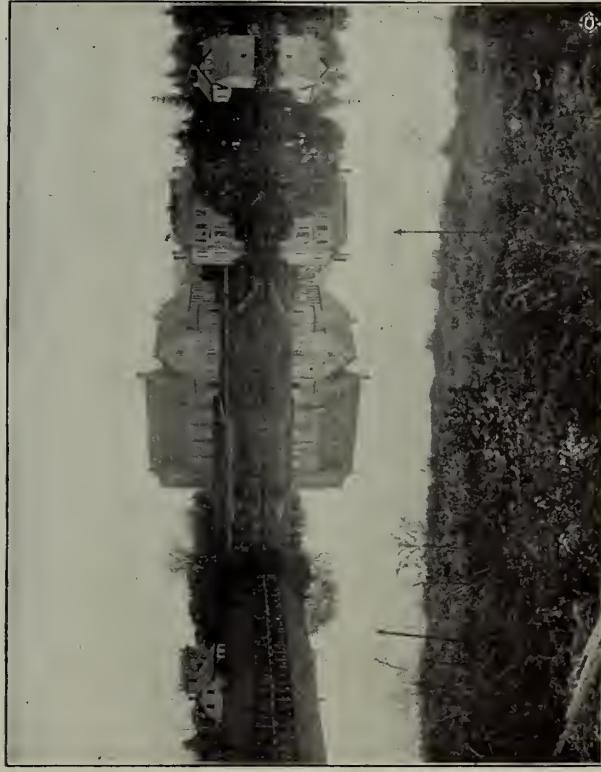
INTERIOR KNOX CHURCH



INTERIOR MASONIC HALL



G. T. R. STATION



SCENE ON VICTORIA LAKE



TROW BLOCK
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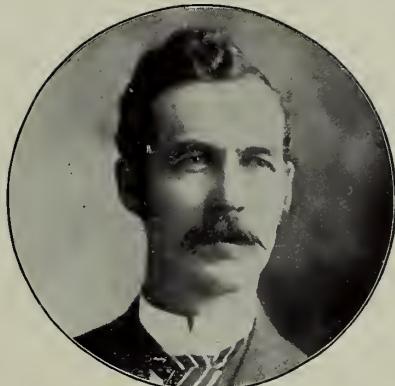


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SOME STRATFORD HOMES



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(4) JUDGE BARRON
(6) SHERIFF HOSSIE

RESIDENCES OF

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(7) A. M. PANTON

(2) JOHN BROWN, ex-M.P.P.
(5) JAMES PRINGLE, JR.
(8) W. J. ELLIOTT



(1) J. A. DUGGAN'S.

(2) WM. DAVIDSON'S.

(3) WM. MAYNARD'S.

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(5) GEO. H. DOUGLAS'.

(6) E. P. WINSLOW'S.



THE UPPER AVON—Residence of J. IDINGTON, K. C., in Background.



"THE ELMS"—Residence of Dr. J. A. ROBERTSON.



J. P. CHISWELL

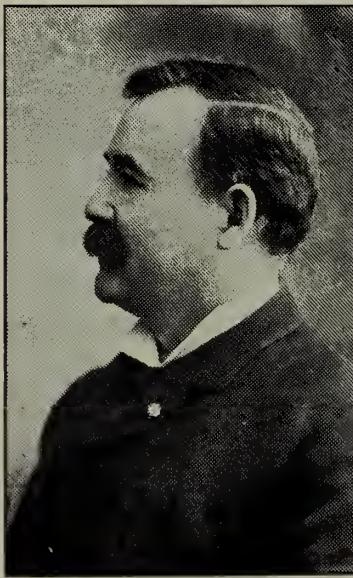


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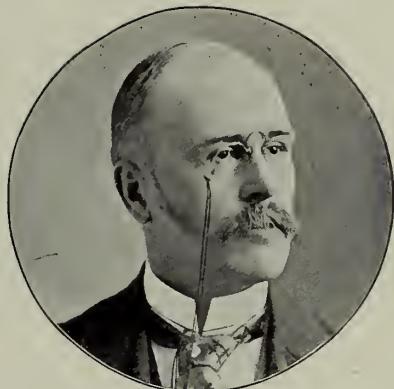
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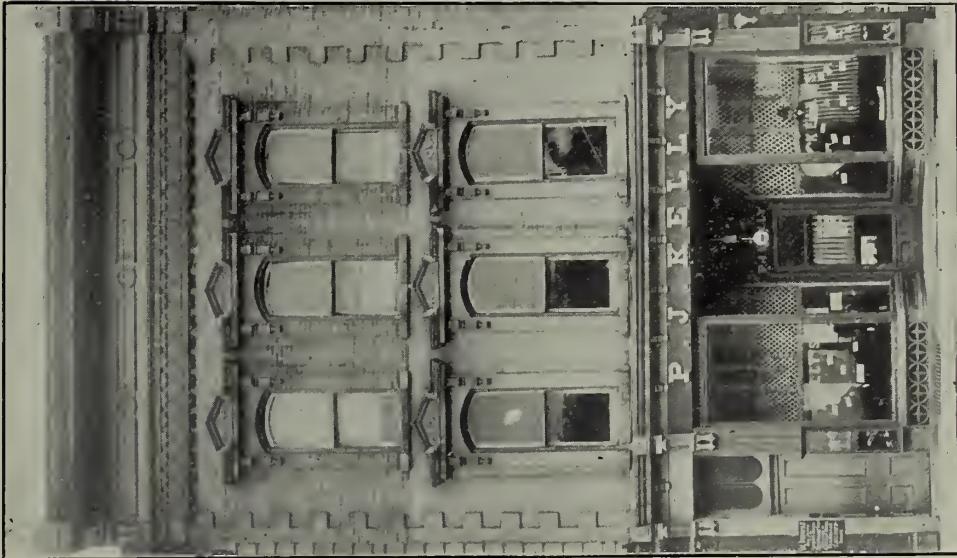


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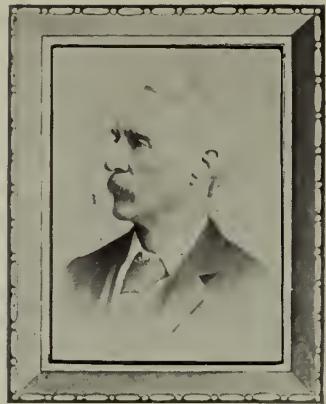
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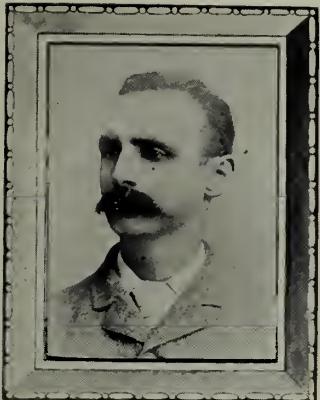
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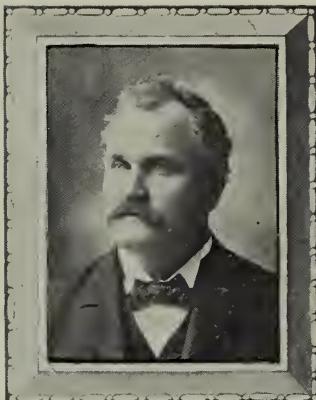
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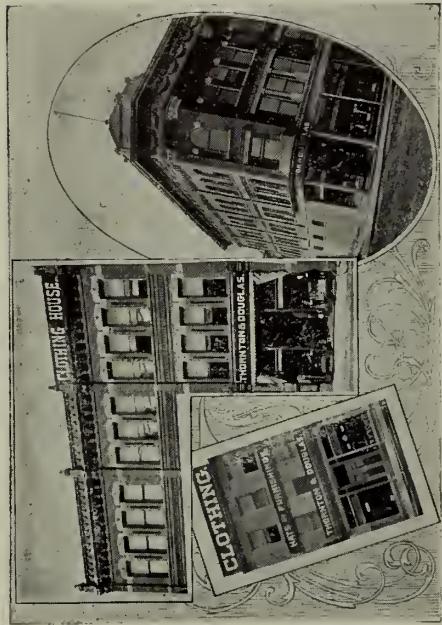
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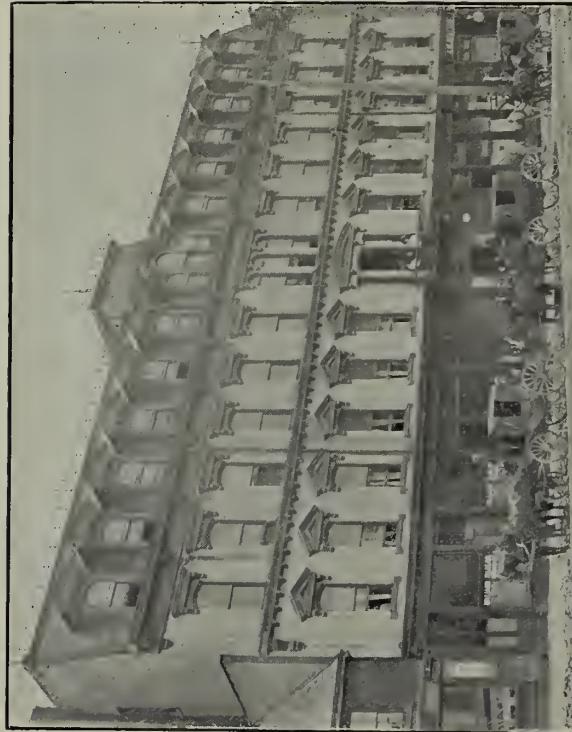
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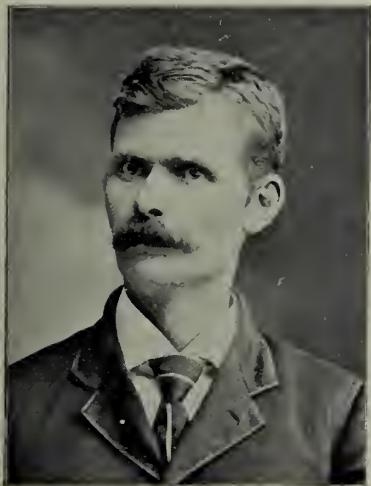
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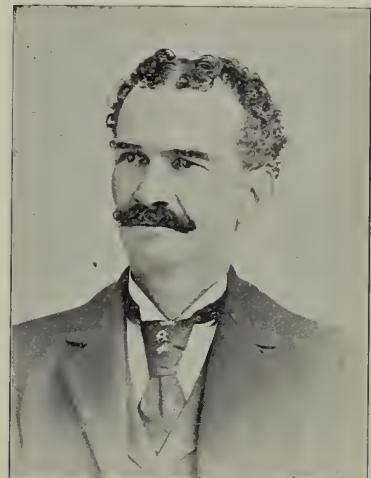
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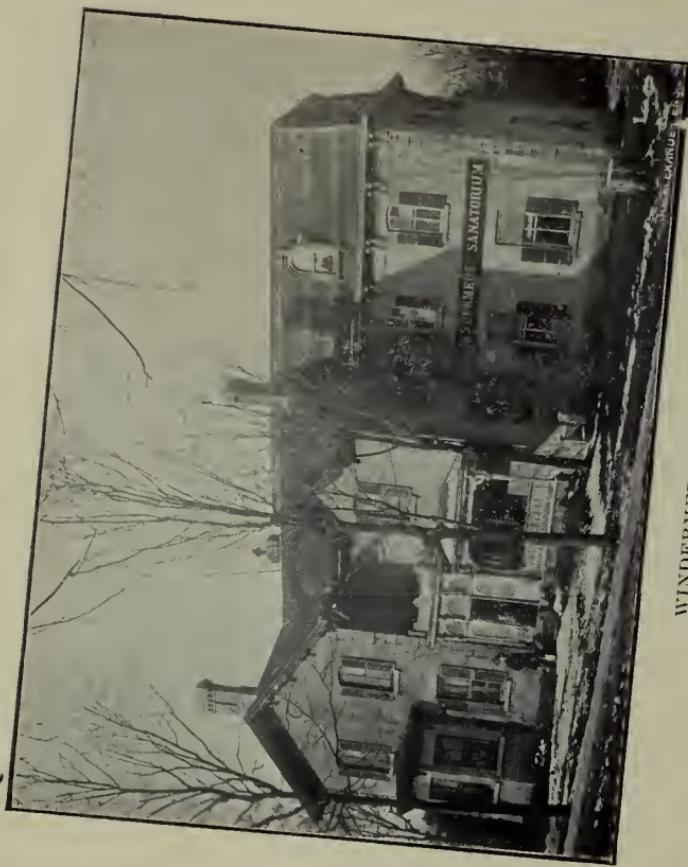
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